

## **Agenda Bill 2010-05-24A - Presentation and receive public comment on consumption-based water rates**

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Subject: Presentation and Receive Public Comment on Consumption-based Water Rates

For Council: *May 24, 2010*

Land Use Case Number: N/A

Public Hearing: The Council is expected to take public comment on this item immediately following the staff presentation.

Attachments:

- Presentation of Water Rate Options

Initiated by: City Council Goals for 2009-2010 and the Adopted Water Master Plan

Budget Impact:

The City's Water Fund does not currently have a revenue stream that is able to sustain the recommended amount of capital maintenance needed for the water system. Voter approval of a new rate system will provide these resources.

Sustainability Impact:

The proposed water rate options will provide an incentive for conserving water.

Policy Questions for Council Consideration:

Does the Council wish to consider placing a measure on the September 2010 ballot that would alter the method of setting water rates and increase rates on some residents greater than the 5% annual increase allowed by the City Charter?

Summary:



The West Linn City Charter only allows annual increases of up to 5% for any utility without a vote of the community.

The City Council adopted a new Water Master Plan in December 2009 that includes \$21 million of maintenance projects over the next 20 years, including constructing a new Bolton Reservoir.

To initiate these projects. The City needs to increase water rates, which are currently the lowest in the region.

Recommended Action:

The Council is expected to receive the staff presentation, ask questions, and receive public comment on this item. Final Council action is scheduled for June 28.

Attachments   
[AB 2010-05-24A](#)  
 [Presentation](#)

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